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City council discusses future of New Buffalo Downtown Development Authority

BY THERESE DONNELLY

The future of the Downtown Development Authority hasn't been determined, but New Buffalo Mayor John Humphrey said its work will continue in one form or another.

The DDA's 10-year term is set to end Dec. 31. No action was made at the city council's Oct. 16 meeting, but several past and current DDA members asked the council to renew the term. DDA Board Chair Robert Kemper provided the council with a letter and noted the DDA played a pivotal role in the North Whittaker Street Project, obtaining grants from the Pokagon Fund and organizing public meetings.

Ben Smock said the DDA had been instrumental in welcoming him to town when he opened the Hummingbird Lounge and helping him make connections. He said he felt the DDA was vital in conveying information to business owners and visitors.

A DDA provides leadership and funding for public infrastructure and service in its boundaries, and invests in public spaces, events and services to support local businesses.

As property values in the DDA increase due to development, the generated tax revenue is collected in a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) structure, which helps the DDA finance approved public projects.

Council members recognized the work DDA members have done to facilitate the North Whittaker Street improvements and upcoming beach improvements but Humphrey explained a DDA must generate funds, and the New Buffalo DDA would need to either change its collection structure to fit the criteria of a DDA or change its designation.

Humphrey praised the volunteer work the DDA has done for the city but noted the only TIF generated has been from the sale of the former El Rancho Grande at 310 E. Buffalo Street. He said there is no question of the members continuing to be involved, but said there needs to be a decision on whether the DDA adjusts to grow its TIF structure, or restructures into a different organization that does not need to meet the criteria of a DDA.

Councilmember Brian Flanagan said he had not initially been in favor of the DDA but, having seen their work, he's completely in favor of the organization.

The council agreed to reopen the request for bids for the city rubbish contract. Humphrey said there had been low response to the original RFB and miscommunication with the current vendor, Lakeshore Recycling and Disposal. The extension will be until Nov. 14.

To comply with Michigan's new early, in-person voting policy, the council approved an early voting agreement with Berrien County and authorized the city clerk to sign necessary documents. The Berrien County Clerk's office will provide early voting locations starting with the 2024 Presidential Primary election.

City manager Darwin Watson informed the council that the gutters originally installed on city hall were residential gutters and inappropriate for the building, resulting in leaks and rot due to heavy rains and ice dams. The council approved a bid of $7999 from La Porte Seamless Gutter to install replacement gutters.

In order to avoid damage from future ice dams, the council also approved the purchase of snow melting cables from Martell Electric in the amount of $1,3475.

Dredging work at the boat slips in South Cove has concluded. The council authorized a payment of $57,764 to Merrill Brothers. Watson said Abonmarche has inspected and approved the work.

The council had the second reading of an addition to Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances. The addition will regulate water entry from public land under certain circumstances, including red flag weather conditions, and set fines for violations. Humphrey said the initiative looks to curtail dangerous behavior related to the public beach and marina. He said police had to prevent people from taking out a rowboat in 9-foot breakers on Oct. 6. Councilmember Mark Robertson added that the new regulation will also protect first responders who would enter the water in rescue attempts.

The council also had the second reading of an addition to Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to vacant buildings in the city. The ordinance will cover the registration, inspection and securing of vacant buildings.

Addressing remarks on social media, Humphrey said he wanted to clear up misunderstandings about marijuana businesses in New Buffalo. He said the city "has not approved, sanctioned or made any ordinance" for marijuana businesses, but New Buffalo Township has chosen to allow businesses and is currently accepting applications.

In public comments, homeowner Noreen Adams told the council that AEP had placed equipment in front of her home on Water Street, but she was liable for any injuries incurred by the public. Adams said she had ceded that portion of land to the Berrien County Drain Commission as part of the Lighthouse Creek Drainage District. Adams asked for proof of an encroachment agreement to allow AEP to use the land.

Never underestimate the power of jealousy and the power of envy to destroy. Never underestimate that. — *Oliver Stone*

Local Government Meetings

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Democracy Requires Transparency

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SHERIFF BERRIEN COUNTY
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Chikaming Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30PM
CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM
THREE OAKS
THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7PM

VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS BOARD
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7PM
GRAND BEACH
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7PM
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HARRY WALDER BLAKE O'HALLORAN, JAMES BRACEWELL, PETER DOERR, EDWARD BRANDES

MICHIANA
VILLAGE OF MICHIANA COUNCIL
Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1PM

Three Oaks Village Council talks golf carts, sidewalks in the village

DISCUSSES UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

BY THERESE DONNELLY

After approving the consent agenda at their Wednesday, Oct. 11, meeting, members of the Three Oaks Village Council went into closed session with legal counsel.

Addressing the council before the closed session, Ethan Del Stone of Green Koi LLC shared proposed plans for his business' building at 6934 U.S. Highway 12. Green Koi received approval for the first retail marijuana license in 2021, but has not opened. At the October meeting, Del Stone said his company was preparing to lease the building to Humblebee Provisioning Center, a Frederic, Michigan, business that Del Stone said is looking to establish a retail location in southern Michigan.

Del Stone said that under the lease, Humblebee expects to complete remodeling of the building and be open for business in December.

Councilmember Tyler Ream noted that Humblebee would need to apply for its own retail license to operate in the village.

Upon returning to open session, the council made no decision on the proposed lease or the closed session during the public portion of the meeting.

The council approved temporary street closings for downtown events in October and November.

River Valley School students will have their Halloween parade Oct. 31 on Elm Street. The street will close at 12:45 p.m. to clear the way for the 1 p.m. march.

The village's tree lighting festivities will be Nov. 25. The parade will proceed to Carver Park, where the tree lighting will take place after dark.

Ream also said the downtown Autumn Stroll will be Oct. 21, from 3 to 6 p.m. with live music and events in downtown shops.

Trick or treat will be Saturday, Oct. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Councilmembers briefly continued their discussion on a possible ordinance for the use of golf courts on village streets. When asked by the council, police chief Carl Krause said he was "50-50" on the matter, stating that while cart use is not currently a problem, it could create issues in the future.

Carts on 12 in New Buffalo has offered assistance in creating an ordinance.

Councilmember John Kramer proposed having village manager Dan Faulkner and village attorney Charles Hilmer put together a sample ordinance for the council to consider. Ream said he would feel better about the ordinance if the village had someone to enforce it.

Surveys of village sidewalks, which identify areas with poor conditions or missing sidewalks, have concluded. Faulkner said it's estimated work would cost $11 million. While councilmember Lois Jones said she felt the costs would not be that high, Faulkner said it was helpful to have an outside source as a guide when charging property owners.

The council agreed to resume the discussion at the November meeting.

At the September meeting, Jones had proposed using a village bond to fund the work, but the council made no decision. At the October meeting, councilmember Joe Hinman said he preferred allowing voters to decide on a millage to fund the sidewalks.

At the Planning Commission's recommendation, the council approved a request for a conditional rezoning for a parcel at 10 West Linden. Bill Wallace of Big C Lumber attended the meeting and provided the council with recent revisions to the plans to change the property from Residential 1 to Commercial 1 zoning.

The council tabled an amendment to Ordinance 211, which relates to zoning regulations. Tabling the amendment does not affect the rezoning decision.

Anyone with property inside the former Lions Club building next to Watkins Park will have a chance to claim it. The council agreed to place a notice with information on claiming items.

On the recommendation of Krause, the council approved the purchase of new portable radios for the police department. Krause said radios are the "most important tool, and also the most expensive," with Motorola units costing more than $5000 each. Krause told the council Kenwood brand radios can be purchased for $2047 each, which would keep the purchase within the department's budget. The council approved $10,000 for the purchase of four radios and any associated costs.

Lakeshore Recycling and Disposal's rubbish and recycling agreement with the village has been renewed for another three years. Prior to the council voting on the renewal, Lakeshore owner David Workman told

It is not so much our friends' help that helps us, as the confidence of their help. — *Epicurus*

the council his company was addressing a violation from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) regarding mulch stored at the business property. Workman said regulations have changed since the mulch was stored, and he would have it cleared in the next 20 days. Hinman said Workman seemed to have addressed everything.

In committee reports, councilmember Tyler Ream informed the council that the village did not receive the SPARK grant for parks improvements projects and the Parks and Recreation Board is looking into DNR grants for funding.

Village president Richard Smith reported he attended a meeting with representatives from Chikaming and the City of New Buffalo to discuss the possibility of combining public safety forces. Faulkner said the matter is still in the stages of collecting data.

Hydrant flushing has begun in the village and will continue through November. Water department employees will work in sections, with locations posted on the village website.

Faulkner said the village has submitted a letter requesting EGLE waive a fine levied in relation to a leak at the village sewer lagoons. Faulkner said it was quickly caught and repaired.

There will be a preconstruction meeting for lead line identification the week of Oct. 23.

Faulkner also informed the council that machinery to break up solid matter in the lagoons has broken down. He said it will cost an estimated $9000 to rebuild the current machine, or $30,000 to purchase a new one. The council agreed it would be more effective to purchase a new one, with Smith noting the machine runs constantly. Councilmember John Kramer also suggested repairing the current machine to keep as a backup, as both repairs and replacement will take weeks.

In a letter to the council, The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts shared plans for the upcoming Acorn Boo Ball, including a costume contest, live auction and music. The theater asked to place a headless horseman statue during daytime hours to publicize the fundraiser. The council agreed, with Smith noting they did not want "something horrific" on display.

Large item pickup in the village was moved from Oct. 14 to Oct. 21. Faulkner said many volunteers that are needed to collect items are unavailable on the earlier date.

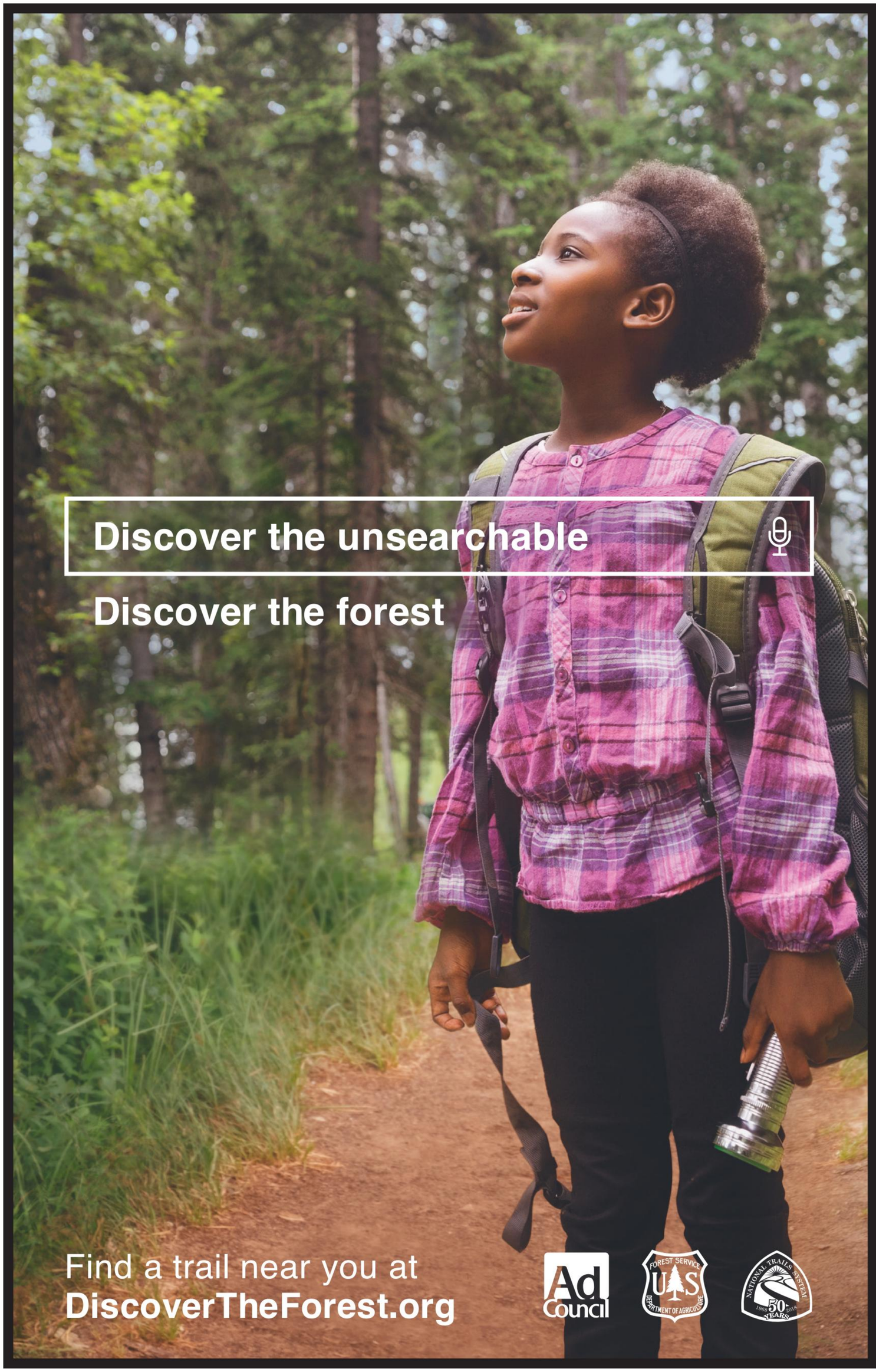
Large item pick up is Saturday, Oct 14. The number of volunteers is not available for the initial date.

Smith reported Three Oaks Township is interested in a proposal to transfer the community garden property to the village but has not determined a price.

He added he attended the Oct. 11 meeting regarding AEP's plans to replace transmission lines in the area with taller poles. Many have voiced concerns regarding the project.

"They heard us pretty clearly," Smith said.

Prior to adjournment, councilmember John Kramer suggested setting a deadline for including items in the meeting agenda. He noted the council receives a packet the Friday before a regular meeting, but updates are sometimes added as late as the day of the meeting.



Town halls address concerns regarding New Buffalo-Bridgman Transmission Line Rebuild Project

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA AND THERESE DONNELLY

Questions with regards to the New Buffalo-Bridgman Transmission Line Rebuild Project were answered in a town hall-style format by representatives of both Indiana Michigan Power (I & M) and its parent company, AEP, at Chikaming Township Center and the former River Valley Elementary School in Three Oaks Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 9 and 10.

"We want to make sure this is an open and transparent conversation about what our planning process is and why we make certain decisions and we want you to be included in that process," Kate Davis, vice president of external affairs and customer experience at I & M, said.

She added that they're still in the "very early" planning process of the project, which involves conducting site studies and garnering feedback from customers.

The New Buffalo-Bridgman Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves rebuilding about 21 miles of 69-kilovolt transmission line running between four area substations.

The project involves:

- Rebuilding about 7 miles of power line from New Buffalo Substation, off East Clay Street, to Three Oaks Substation, off Hickory Street.
- Rebuilding about 6 miles of power line from Three Oaks Substation to Lakeside Substation, off West East Road.
- Rebuilding about 8 miles of power line from Lakeside Substation to Bridgman Substation, off Red Arrow Highway.

According to AEP, many of the existing poles are from the 1960s and are in need of replacement due to aging and damage. New poles will need to meet current standards.

Construction on the new lines is expected to begin in early 2026 and conclude in fall 2027.

Based on public feedback, the project plans have been amended in the following categories: pole height and type of pole; easements and easement width and tree removal process.

The pole's height has been lowered from 85 feet to 75 feet, although the poles might be slightly taller where they cross over interstates or other lines.

Areas that are being looked at to install wooden poles versus steel ones include backyards, recreational areas and wooded ones. Steel poles would be in New Buffalo, Bridgman and select areas along the route. Wooden poles would be in the Village of Three Oaks, on East Road, in Chikaming Township, Harbert and Shorewood Hills.

It was mentioned that steel poles have a longer lifespan compared to wooden ones, and that they require less maintenance and inspection time. Even in areas that it's being planned to use wooden poles, steel may still need to be used in specific locations.

Regarding easement width, revised plans include reducing the utility easement from 30 feet on each side of the street to 20 feet. It was noted that the easement is required for safe distance from vegetation and buildings.

For a the new tree incentive program, for every one tree removed on private property within the proposed easement, I&M will offer compensation for three trees. Compensation value will be based on the species and size of the tree removed. Any new trees planted must be planted outside the power line right-of-way easement.

The project plans to follow the existing lines and use the same number of poles, but final locations have not been determined. It was noted at the Three Oaks town hall that the pole locations may shift slightly based on other underground facilities that have been installed there but will be in close proximity to the same location. Current poles will remain

Participants speak during the Chikaming Town Hall

A panel that included AEP and I and M representatives answered questions in Three Oaks

Guests view diagrams of the proposed project in Three Oaks

Residents speak during the Three Oaks Town Hall

in place to keep servicing the houses during construction, so the new ones may be slightly offset from the location.

Representatives said the cost of all capital improvement projects are paid by all Indiana Michigan customers; however, no final cost can be determined until engineering plans are finalized.

Davis said that the 20 outages that have occurred in the last five years were on the specific transmission line that's slated to be rebuilt as part of the project. Nine outages were weather related, five were due to vegetation contact, one was due to an accident by a non AEP vehicle, two were unknown, two were caused by a relay misoperation and one was due to a field error.

Benefits for the rebuild project that were listed in the slideshow include replacing deteriorating wooden poles with new wooden or steel poles to meet modern strength and structural requirements; reducing the need for frequent maintenance, and reducing the number and duration of customer outages and that upgrading 21 miles of transmission line will enhance reliability for power for the four substations along the project's proposed route.

While representatives said the state of Michigan does not require a feasibility study for the voltage of the proposed 69kV rebuild, they had conducted their own studies; however, many of the results will not be made public due to restricted information, as some studies reveal sensitive locations, including tribal artifacts and endangered species.

At the Three Oaks Town Hall, Alicia Cross, siting supervisor for projects in Indiana and Michigan, said that, based on input that was received from an open house that was held at Weko Beach in Bridgman in June, AEP is considering an alternative route that would run east of the Village of Three Oaks and that they are "working with property owners that are affected by this route that we believe may be feasible."

"We will continue to study it for the design and the constructability and continue to work with the property owners," she said.

Some asked why AEP will use overhead lines instead of burying lines. Representatives said the costs to lay underground lines would be up to 10 times the cost of overhead, though many attending the meeting claimed other utility companies reported the two systems were similar in cost. Representatives said it would be costly to meet AEP standards, and overhead lines are easier to access for maintenance and restoration of service.

It was stated at the Three Oaks town hall that distribution lines are generally more affordable to bury than transmission ones, as most transmission lines are in PVC conduits that are encased in concrete for protection and have a "lot of robust infrastructure surrounding those."

In Three Oaks, one resident asked why the transmission line can't remain along Red Arrow Highway. It was stated that there are three substations that exist along the route – in New Buffalo, Three Oaks and Bridgman - and the line has to be brought to the one in Three Oaks.

One resident asked why the line can't come up to the Three Oaks substation and right back out the same way (U.S. 12) on the same poles.

Transmission line engineer and manager Jared Jayjeck said that this would possibly be called a "double circuit" and would require a wider right of way because "now we have wires on both sides, so we wouldn't be able to reduce the right of way to that 40 feet because of the code required clearances, the conductors - it would change that width required." In addition, by having the line come in from two different directions to the substation, if an event like a storm or accident took out a pole or took out that line, there'd still be the "redundancy from another transmission line feeding that substation."

Miss Sunset Coast Teen Ellen Ripley poses with Miss Sunset Coast Lacey Jewell

New Buffalo junior crowned Miss Sunset Coast Teen 2024

New Buffalo High School junior Ellen Ripley of New Buffalo was crowned Miss Sunset Coast Teen 2024 at the Hanson Theatre at Lake Michigan College Sunday, Oct. 15.

The Miss Sunset Coast Pageant is the only preliminary competition in Berrien, Cass and VanBuren County that leads to the Miss Michigan Pageant and ultimately, Miss America. Teenagers from all over the state of Michigan compete for the title of Miss Sunset Coast Teen. Ripley, who was chosen out of four other contestants, will move on to compete in the Miss Michigan Teen competition in June 2024.

Crowned Miss Sunset Coast was Lacey Jewell, of Charlotte, Michigan, who attends Michigan State University and was chosen from 13 other contestants.

Teen contestants are judged on talent, private interview, red carpet and on-stage question, and physical fitness. Miss Sunset Coast contestants judged on their private interview, on-stage interview/social impact pitch, talent, and red carpet.

Both Ripley and Jewell were crowned by Miss Michigan 2023, Maya Schuhknecht, a 23-year-old graduate from Michigan State University from Buchanan. — STAFF REPORTS

Longtime public servant Palen honored by New Buffalo Township Board

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Dorothy Palen devoted approximately 50 years of her life to serving the community of New Buffalo Township.

This included serving on the Board of Review for 15 years, the youth of her community as a bus driver for many years and as an election inspector for 50 years.

"Over that time, has seen five different types of voting machines, served under 10 different township clerks, has witnessed the elections evolve from large lever machines and hand carrying the votes into the era of computerization, and whereas Mrs. Palen has served through 12 presidential elections, 13 gubernatorial elections and numerous school board and millage elections," a resolution that was signed by the 12 members of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners, which was read by New Buffalo Township Clerk Judy Zabicki during the township's Monday, Oct. 16, board meeting, stated.

Palen also received a tribute from the state, which was signed by state Rep. Joey Andrews, state Sen. Jonathan Lindsay, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Gov. Gavin Gilchrist .

Board members approved a proposal from Wightman and Associates for an Exit 4 water and sewer special assessment project in the amount of $15,000 for soil boring, $92,000 for design engineering and $88,00 for construction administration.

New Buffalo Township Supervisor Michelle Heit said the costs will be reimbursed from the special assessment once it goes through.

Before a required public hearing was held (during which there were no comments), Heit said that property owners and interested parties in some of the properties on U.S. 12 and Exit 4 came forward requesting extension of water and sewer and circulated a petition.

New Buffalo Area Schools Transportation Director Tom Whitsel, NBAS Superintendent Adam Bowen (who was a former passenger of Palen's), Dorothy Palen and Judith Zabicki

Currently, over 80% of those property owners are in favor of the district.

Matt Davis, president of Wightman, said the area along U.S. 12, which is zoned for commercial development, has soil and high ground water that prevents normal septic systems from being developed there and that the "nature of a lot of the development will require higher protection."

"So the property owners have asked to have water and sewer extended out this area to provide those utilities necessary for development," he said.

The public hearing was being held to hear feedback on the district boundary and the petition process, with additional notices and hearings on the assessment amount to occur later.

Board members approved a payment not to exceed $10,000 to Chikaming Township as the township's 5% match for the FEMA grant to purchase SCBAs or air tanks. The grant was applied for in conjunction with the township, Chikaming and Three Oaks Township. Chikaming is sponsoring the grant and acting as the fiduciary responsibility, with each municipality paying them their 5% portion.

A one-year contract with the Edge for information technology services, with automatic renewal unless either party provides written notice to the other with intent to terminate at least 90 days prior to the end of the current term, was approved.

Board members approved changing the administrator's assistant's job to financial administrator and to increase the pay rate for the position to $30.50 per hour, effective immediately.

An agreement with the county for the purpose of operating joint early voting sites at a cost of $1,563.16 per election was approved.

Zabicki said that this was the result of Proposal 2, which was approved by voters last November and allows resident voters to vote nine days early and take their ballot and put it in the tabulator. While the township could do the early voting themselves or do it jointly with other municipalities, they, along with every municipality in the county except two, voted to do it countywide. There will be two locations for early voting: the health department on Napier Avenue and, temporarily, the Niles County Courthouse.

By going countywide, Zabicki said that they're saving taxpayers probably over $8,000 to $10,000 in the course of one year.

Board members gave preliminary approval to ReLeaf Center to operate an adult use marihuana retail establishment at 10271 U.S. Highway 12 in New Buffalo, with the condition that the Berrien County Health Department approves the onsite water and sanitary system.

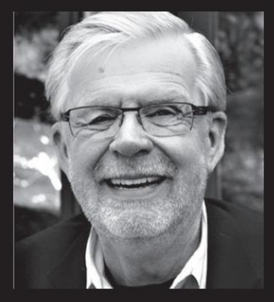
A resolution stating township's opposition to the Michigan Legislator regarding renewable energy facilities in Michigan was adopted.

Reading from an informational sheet, Heit said that bills have been introduced in the Legislator that would eliminate all local authority over location permitting of utility scale renewable energy facilities, which include wind, solar and large scale battery facilities, and that all the township's local control would be moved to the Michigan Public Service Commission, a "regulatory state agency with no land control use experience." This would eliminate the township's say in size, setbacks and how many of the facilities there are, all of which is addressed in their zoning ordinance.

SPORTS

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO



The Bears and Justin Fields thumb, the Blackhawks and Connor Bedard's first goal, the Bulls and their new uptempo offense, the Cubs and Sox with important off seasons, baseball's league championship series.

So much to talk about, but today I'm going in a different direction. The sport of soccer, or as the rest of the world calls it, futbol, has been on my mind for the last couple of weeks.

I must admit that until now I haven't been much of a fan. Nobody in the United States played it when I was a kid, and not many played it when my kids were young. These days it seems like everyone is playing.

A couple of weeks ago I started hearing stories about Lionel Messi and his inter Miami team. They were coming to Chicago to play the Fire and people were paying for tickets like it was a Taylor Swift concert. While I'm aware that soccer is the most popular sport in the world, and Messi is probably the best player in the world, I was surprised at the demand, and prices, of the tickets. To top it all off, Messi was injured and there was a good chance that he wasn't even going to play.

That didn't seem to phase fans at all. There was one report of a man from down state buying four tickets for his family at twelve hundred dollars each. Messi didn't play but the excitement wasn't dampened. Chicago ended up winning the contest 4-1 and my interest was piqued.

A week or two later, I noticed that there was a mini series about David Beckham. Because of my new interest in soccer, I decided to give it a go, and I'm really glad I did.

My knowledge of Beckham was very limited. All I knew was that he played soccer, he could "bend" the ball when he kicked it (like a curveball), he was a handsome man that married a pretty girl that was a member of the Spicegirls, and he was rich and famous. After watching the series, I knew and appreciated both soccer and Beckham so much more than I previously had.

Beckham played soccer because he loved the sport, but also because he loved to win. I had no idea of the passion the fans had. When things went badly, an entire country hated you. I was very impressed with the players who helped their teammate when things were going bad. The paparazzi are terrible and many fans are often too passionate. In the end, it was obvious how much the Beckhams loved each other and how much of a competitor David was. His wife, Victoria, stood by him and helped him even when it hurt to do so. They were way more famous than Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce.

Even though the series was about him, I felt that soccer players were more about the team than the individual, unlike sports in the states. Who knows, I may even get to a game next year.

Steve Locker said, "Before kids can play like a pro, they must enjoy playing the game like a kid."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Life is sweet.
— Nikolaos A. Fatouros

Lady Bison gearing up for conference tournament in volleyball

BY STAN MADDUX

The New Buffalo High School girls' volleyball team is preparing for the Berrien Cass St. Joseph conference tournament.

The tournament is Saturday at Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph.

The Lady Bison improved to 16-8-2 on the season after a three-set victory Oct. 12 against Grace Christian.

New Buffalo finished second in their division in the conference.

Head coach Bruce Molineaux said his team has a chance to win the tourney but the conference is loaded with good teams such as regular season conference champion Our Lady of the Lake, Michigan Lutheran, River Valley and Howardsville Christian.

So far, the Lady Bison have not defeated Our Lady of the Lake or River Valley during the regular season.

River Valley finished the regular season in fourth place in the conference.

"We played pretty good last week. It wasn't stellar competition. I think we're ready to go," he said.

Molineaux said one of the keys to success for his team in the post season remains avoiding too many costly mistakes in areas, like striking the ball and lack of communication on defense.

"You never know how they'll play but the kids are hitting the ball hard in practice," he said.

Molineaux said improved blocking will be another important factor for his squad in the tournament.

He said blocking might be the squad's biggest weakness from most of his players lacking enough height to reach more returned shots at the net consistently.

"We're just not very tall," he said.

In the victory against Grace Christian, the score was 25-9, 25-8 and 25-13.

Jane Funk and Colleen Chlystun combined for 17 kills, while Benita Puskunigis added five kills to the offensive attack.

On defense, Meagan Fatter led the Lady Bison with 13 digs.

Puskinigus and Riley Tertel each had seven aces.

Undefeated Bees survive gridiron scare from Raiders

BY STAN MADDUX

The Red Arrow Raiders were well within striking distance at halftime but Bridgman showed why they remain undefeated in the high school football season.

The Bees defeated the Raiders 30 to 8 in a sometimes-rainy homecoming game at River Valley High School Friday, Oct. 13.

Bridgman, who was having trouble moving the ball, led 13-0 early in the second quarter when the defense for the Raiders came up with a big play.

Jaquan Pierce blocked a punt and recovered the ball before running 33 yards for a touchdown.

On their next series of downs, the Bees had a passed blocked by defensive lineman Cam Forker, who nearly intercepted the ball with about six minutes before halftime.

The Raiders (5-3) then sacked the Bridgman quarterback on a fourth down play.

Still training 13 to 8, the defense for the Raiders again held tight after the Bees drove the ball 35 yards to the four yard line.

The time on the first half game clock expired after a Bridgman pass hit the ground just before reaching the hands of a receiver in the end zone.

In the second half, the Raiders, who put up some impressive numbers on offense in most of their previous games, continued to struggle with moving the ball.

Gradually, the Bees (9-0) pulled away and coasted to victory about halfway through the fourth quarter.

Raiders Head Coach Matt Johnson praised his defense for keeping the dynamic Bridgman offense in check for most of the game.

"We played very spirited football. It was a physical game. The first half was probably the most competitive half that they've had. I felt like we gave them all they could handle," he said.

Johnson wished things would have worked better on offense, which was manhandled the entire game.

"They are an aggressively defensive team. We just couldn't find any sort of rhythm," he said.

Johnson said the offense simulated in practice how Bridgman would approach the game defensively, but the faster pace from their physical defenders proved too much.

Two of the points scored by Bridgman came from a safety by the defense in the fourth quarter.

"Offensively, we needed to do a better job but didn't get it done," he said.

Chicago-area man running for mayor in new hometown

BY STAN MADDUX

A former Chicago area resident wanting to create a path for more locally owned businesses as part of his plan to provide more job opportunities is running for mayor in La Porte.

Democrat Ron Zimmer, 75, is challenging republican incumbent Tom Dermody, a former five term state representative in the November 7 election.

Zimmer said his top priority is to create a board of directors that would oversee funds invested by members of the public and decide the type of businesses to open with input from the investors.

He said his plan is similar to how the publicly owned Green Bay Packers of the National Football League operate.

Zimmer said citizens would receive potential dividends from the profits of those businesses and even work in the establishments as an option to further supplement their incomes.

For years, Zimmer said local officials have relied on recruiting or waiting for new businesses to come without much, if any, gain in economic activity or filling up empty storefronts.

"My intention is to fill up every empty building in the city with the jobs the investors want," he said.

Zimmer said he would like to see a roller rink and year-round flea market in the city to help bring in additional people from the outside and provide more attractions for local residents.

He feels those establishments would serve as a catalyst for the future success of new local investor owned businesses from the money people coming here spend during their stays.

"We tire them out. They fill up the restaurants then they fill up the hotels because they're too tired to go home. What a lovely problem for the city of La Porte," he said.

Zimmer, who unsuccessfully ran for mayor twice previously, said a firewood factory as it did in the past remains part of his platform as long as the local investors want to establish such a business.

He said trees would be hauled in and cut into firewood for sale to the public, creating possibly 50 jobs or more.

Zimmer said the now vacant former Coca Cola bottling plant on Rumely St. would be a great facility to operate the factory.

Currently, though, plans call for the structure in a residential neighborhood to be converted into housing for the homeless.

Zimmer said he would prefer such housing be established in a more open location away from single family residences.

The retired electrician from the Ford Motor Co. on the south side of Chicago moved to La Porte nearly 20 years ago.

Zimmer said he was once an on stage comedian and voice impersonator of celebrities such as the late singer and trumpet player Louis Armstrong.

Zimmer said his act was gaining regional attention but, sensing a need for a more secure future, he quit his pursuit of fame and applied for a job at the Ford plant.

He also wrestled a bear for the entire three minutes in the ring during his career transition.

Zimmer said gloves were placed over the bear's claws and a muzzle was over its mouth to protect him and the other wrestlers.

"I gave him a stiff arm and then we went to wrestling. The reason I did it was God wanted to see if I could live on," he said.

NEW BUFFALO HALLOWEEN PARADE SLATED FOR LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The New Buffalo Community Halloween Parade is Sunday, Oct. 29, with arrival time at 2 p.m. Judging of the costumes will take place at 2:30 p.m. The parade will step off at 3 p.m. Trick or treating in the city is scheduled for 3:30-5:30 p.m. — STAFF REPORTS

Mayor rallies for support prior to election

BY STAN MADDUX

La Porte Mayor Tom Dermody hosted an Oct. 12 rally with his supporters in a bid for second term in the Nov. 7 election.

Dermody started his less than 10 minute speech by giving credit to his entire administration for successes over the past close to four years in areas like code enforcement, cracking down on drug dealers and new housing construction.

"What we're doing in the City of La Porte couldn't happen without each and every one of you and I want to say thank you to all of you. Just give yourselves a round of applause," he said.

Dermody then emphasized he's lived up to the promises from his campaign in 2019 and declared La Porte under his administration "a law and order community."

"We are not going to tolerate the drug epidemic, the drug dealing that's been happening in our community and I think since day one we've been making progress," he said.

Dermody also cited progress on streets, sidewalks and updating aging water and sewer systems along with providing quality housing out of once condemned properties through strict code enforcement.

He mentioned the former Monroe Street apartments at 701 Maple Avenue, which no longer attracts law enforcement on a regular basis as it did in the past since renovated into modern yet affordable housing by a new owner.

"Since two years ago, we haven't had a police call there," he said.

The rally designed to energize his supporters was held at the Silver Palace.

Dermody, a former member of the state legislature and school board, is challenged by democrat Ron Zimmer.

Dermody is heavily favored against Zimmer, who doesn't have the support of his party and is self-funding his campaign.

Zimmer was the lone democrat to run in the May primary.

"Is there a race there? I think Tom will win it, no problem," said La Porte City Councilman Roger Galloway, a Republican.

Galloway, though, gave Zimmer a lot of credit for running to give voters an option.

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Runners, walkers cross the finish line at rainy 'Center of the World 5K'

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Lisa Wolf will run against all odds.

Last year, she was unable to run due to being on oxygen from Covid. A year later, she was racing through an autumn downpour to earn first place in the Friends of New Troy's 12th annual Run to the Center of the World 5K/Walk, which took place Saturday, Oct. 14.

"I'd take this weather over 100 degrees," Wolf, whose time was 23:08.4, said.

Having run in marathons in the past, Wolf said she's just been enjoying getting back into running after being sick - and that she did "way better than I thought I would."

Originally from Stevensville, Wolf now resides in Chicago; however, she still visits her family's farm in Michigan.

"I was waiting for a fun community race and this looked close to the farm and it looked fun the way they advertised it - I've already made friends with people," she said.

Earning second place was Jeff Barchett, whose time was 24:00.6.

He said he was fine being the "first man, second overall, losing to a girl" because Wolf was wearing a Blue Line Run Club running shirt.

"For the first mile, I tried to do as fast as I could to make her (Wolf) go faster because I thought she might take off - and that will keep me pacing her," he said.

Barchett said he and fellow runner, 71-year-old George Gardiner, are former UPS drivers.

"This is my route so these are my people - so I always come back to do this one," he said.

James Kavlock, who earned third place with a time of 24:48.9, said he got first

Marlene and Mark Newmiller accept a medal from Jenny Gabbard

Haley McGovern walks through the rain to the finish line

James Kavlock reaches the finish line

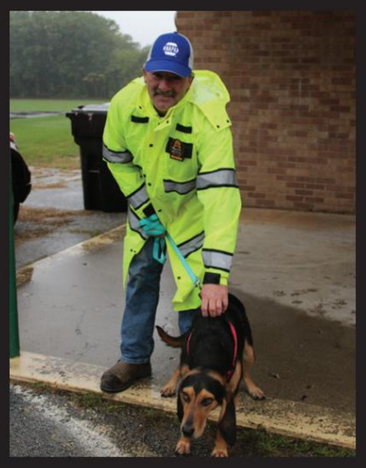
Scott, Jasper, Olivia and Felix Schultz cross the finish line

Walkers leave the start and finish line at the community center

Aimee Piehl walks to the finish line

Shirley Good races to the finish line

5K finishers accept a medal from Jenny Gabbard



Matt Smith gets ready to run with Daisy

Runners are off to the races

Lisa Wolf, Shirley Good, Megan Sukich and Lisa Kehoe pose before the 5K

George Gardiner celebrates reaching the finish line

Megan Sukich races to the finish line

Lisa Wolf races to the finish line

Jim Vickers races to the finish line

place five years ago and second place four years ago.

Considering the weather, he deemed his time "good enough" this year.

The remaining runners/walkers had the following times: 5K- Louis Poulos, 27:53.2; Megan Sukich, 28:15.9; Shirley Good, 28:23.0; Jim Vickers, 30:46.7; and George Gardiner, 33:56.3. 5K Walk - Dave Dudeck 48:40.8; Lisa Kehoe, 50:33.3; Scott Schutze, 59:50.5; Felix Schutze, 59:50.5; Olivia Schutze, 59:50.5; Jasper Schutze, 59:50.5; Matthew Smith, 1:01:33.0; Haley McGovern, 1:01:58.9; Jessica Smith, 1:02:04.1; Al Nuti, 1:02:30.6 and Sue Nuti, 1:02:30.6.

Runners/walkers received a carved and painted medal from the Center of the World Woodshop.

Victoria Petroff, the president of Friends of New Troy Board of Directors, said that Ollie Jane Rosenthal, a retired kindergarten teacher who does the Wiggle and Giggles Story Hour in the center's Media Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, put together the gift baskets that had breakfast for every runner and a gift card from a local business.

She said Marlene Newmiller, the board's secretary, has been putting the race together for a time that "predates me."

"Our volunteer staff is excited about working together and pulling this off - I think you can when you come out, you can see when people show up here, they usually leave happy...There's usually a good, nice environment and happy experience (that's been) had," Petroff said.

For more upcoming event at the community center, visit www.friendsofnewtroy.org.

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School of American Music welcomes instructor Elisabeth Waldburger'

The School of American Music (SAM) recently hired a new instructor, Elisabeth Waldburger, woodwind specialist.

"We at SAM are very happy and excited to add a musician and teacher of Elisabeth's caliber to our teaching staff. We know our students benefit greatly from access to a musician of her abilities," SAM Executive Director Donna M. Mitchell said.

Elisabeth Waldburger

"I am looking forward to spending time building a studio at School of American Music and am excited for all the possibilities for growth," Waldburger said.

Waldburger is an active Michiana-based performing musician and private music instructor. She has been a member of the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra since 2016, and has recently taken on the role as personnel manager with the LCSO. She also participates in other local ensembles, including the La Porte City Band, the St. Joseph Municipal Band and the Elkhart County Symphony. When she's not performing, she enjoys teaching clarinet and saxophone lessons to student musicians in her private music studio. Her students represent a number of local districts, including La Porte, Penn-Harris-Madison, Mishawaka and South Bend schools.

Waldburger is originally from Granger, Indiana, and grew up in the South Bend schools. She first fell in love with orchestral playing in middle school when she was accepted into the South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestras. Participating in SBYSO and other school performance opportunities, such as ISSMA solo and ensemble events, Indiana All-State Honor Bands, and side by side concerts with the South Bend Symphony, greatly influenced her decision to pursue music as a career. In 2010 she attended Western Michigan University, where she studied clarinet with Brad Wong and Stephanie Hovnanian. She received her Bachelor of Musical Arts degree in Instrumental Performance in 2014 and Master of Music degree in Instrumental Performance in 2016.

Waldburger would like to thank her school music teachers, who all lent her positive support in her young career: Ember Miller, Jason Gresl, Trevor O'Riordan, Susan Walker, Gary Kurtis, and Denise Kuehner.

The School of American Music is a non-profit organization that provides education, performance and audience opportunities in music in the Southwest Michigan area.

For more information about the school, visit www.schoolofamericanmusic.com, email schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com or call 269-409-119. — STAFF REPORTS

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This month, we're honoring all the women who have fought the devastating effects of breast cancer.
October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As we observe this important time of year, we reflect on the impact this disease has on the lives of women in Michigan and all across America. We remember and honor these women, their families, and all those they love. Our staff members at all Starks Family Funeral Homes are wearing pink to support those who survived, and more importantly, to honor those who did not.
We've seen firsthand the terrible effects of breast cancer among members of our own families. That has committed us to raising awareness and money to find a cure for a disease that strikes one in every eight women in our country.
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Woman deceased after two-vehicle crash

An Iowa woman is deceased after a two-vehicle crash that occurred in Lake Township last weekend.

According to a press release from the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 5 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, first responders were dispatched to I-94 eastbound near the 15 mile marker in Lake Township for a two-vehicle crash.

Based on the initial investigation, a vehicle rear ended another vehicle. One of the drivers, Lynn Calkins, a 69 year old female from Iowa, was declared deceased at Corewell Health. An autopsy at WMED has been scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

The driver of the other involved vehicle was arrested and lodged at the Berrien County Jail for operating while intoxicated causing death, with their name being withheld pending arraignment.

"The charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty," the press release states.

The crash is currently being investigated by the Berrien County Sheriff's Office Accident Investigation Team. Alcohol and speed are both believed to be factors in the crash.

Other responding agencies included Medic 1, Lake Township Fire, Lincoln Township Police Department and Chikaming Township Police Department. — STAFF REPORTS

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Counseling provided to deal with loss of student

BY STAN MADDUX

La Porte High School students were dealing with their emotions Monday, Oct. 16 after a classmate was killed from colliding on his scooter with a school bus.

The La Porte County Coroner's Office identified the victim as 15-year-old Julien Hernandez of 612 Tecumseh Street.

According to a La Porte Police crash report, the boy just after 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, was traveling eastbound on a sidewalk parallel to South Avenue with a scooter.

The bus also eastbound on South Avenue stopped for a stop sign but while beginning to turn right onto Michigan Avenue, the boy coming up from behind slammed into the passenger side door of the bus.

Police said it was raining at the time of the accident.

Hernandez was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead about a half hour later, said La Porte County Coroner Lynn Swanson.

Swanson said the boy winding up underneath the chassis of the bus was not run over by any of the tires.

Cause of death was ruled blunt force trauma to the head, she said.

La Porte Police Chief Paul Brettin said the boy was riding what's called a razor, a scooter powered by feet on two wheels and a handle bar.

"You stand and you steer it," he said.

Brettin said the investigation will be finished once the results of a blood screen are known to determine whether the bus driver was impaired by any foreign substances.

He emphasized the blood test is standard procedure in any fatality or crash involving a motorist with a commercial driver's license.

"There are no indications to show there was any impairment here. This is just a horrible accident," he said.

La Porte Schools Superintendent Mark Francesconi said counseling was offered Monday to anyone at the school needing help dealing with grief.

He declined further comment.

In a prepared statement, the school administration expressed deep sorrow for the untimely loss of the boy.

"This loss has greatly impacted our community, and our thoughts and hearts are with the student's family and friends during this incredibly difficult time," school officials said.

School officials also declined to release further details, choosing to allow strictly law enforcement to shed light on the findings of the investigation.

According to school officials, teachers, counselors and social workers along with New Prairie School Corporation staff members and mental health experts from Swanson Center were made available to anyone wanting help dealing with the loss.

"We will remember our young student with respect and love as we keep his family in our thoughts and hearts as they grieve this unimaginable loss. Please join us in keeping this family close in our thoughts as they mourn this heartbreaking tragedy," school officials said.

Brettin also encouraged the public to refrain from making any further disparaging remarks or speculation on social media.

"For people to assume other things or say things about the victim and driver is just completely wrong. Nobody would want somebody making these types of comments on social median or elsewhere if it was their family member involved," he said.

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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

It is time to take charge of your health and well being. Take time to focus on what is causing you stress and be honest with yourself about your coping mechanisms. You have opportunity to change to more constructive stress relievers that will boost your mood and performance levels. Start now.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

Your ego could be a strong driving force behind your work performance. Know that you are capable of making it thru any obstacles. The tendency to withdraw and feel isolated can be strong but don't forget that you have the support and help of others, so don't push friends and loved ones away.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

Just when you are feeling secure and all is well on the home-front you can expect a call from a friend in crisis. You may be witness to a serious argument or you may come to someone's physical aid. Be prepared for some dramatic social scenes and don't be afraid to act. You will to save the day.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

Home and property will be of central focus this week as positive career changes are happening. You will be making more money than you realized and can see some significant changes in your social status. Get your winter nest egg built up and relax a little. Finances will be improving.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

You will be much more talkative and social this week giving you the opportunity to make some positive impressions on others. You will be surprised to find out how much others have been monitoring your progress and supporting you from a distance. Its time to let them get closer.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Your services will be required this week as your partner or family member undergoes some social changes. They really need some tender nurturing now and you may end up supporting someone financially for a time. Know that your help is truly needed and you will be rewarded in the future.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

Your hard work is paying off and you are feeling stronger and more secure in who and what you are. So go ahead and make those physical and emotional commitments. Get deeper into your private side and re-instate some of your personal goals. It is your time to shine and be the best you can be.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

It is time to do something new! Step out of your comfort zone and make changes to your daily routines. You have been thinking about a new health or exercise regime for some time. Know that whatever you start now will be a huge success and will be easy to stick to. Go for it already!

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

You will have excellent timing this week and if there are two words that are synonamous with Sagittarius they are assertive and courageous. They are part of who you are and it is time you embraced your strengths and let lose some of your hidden passions and really grasp life by the horns!

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

Expect some surprises on the home-front and get ready to learn a new skill or two. You are entering a season of learning and it is time to expand your mind. Much information and ways of seeing the world will be thrust upon you. This will have a very positive affect on your manifesting powers.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18

Circumstances have changed and your focus will shift to encompass a broader perspective. Your ability to look past the details and see the big picture is the key to understanding your current condition. You don't have to go it alone. Reach out to others in the neighborhood or community.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

Money making opportunities will arise this week as your financial sector is being illuminated. Any past conflicts will be resolved and you will make good impressions on co-workers and clients. Take this opportunity to take care of any out-standing debts you have. Keep the money flowing.

No matter the situation, it's best to abstain from giving offense. — *Dino N. Fatouros*

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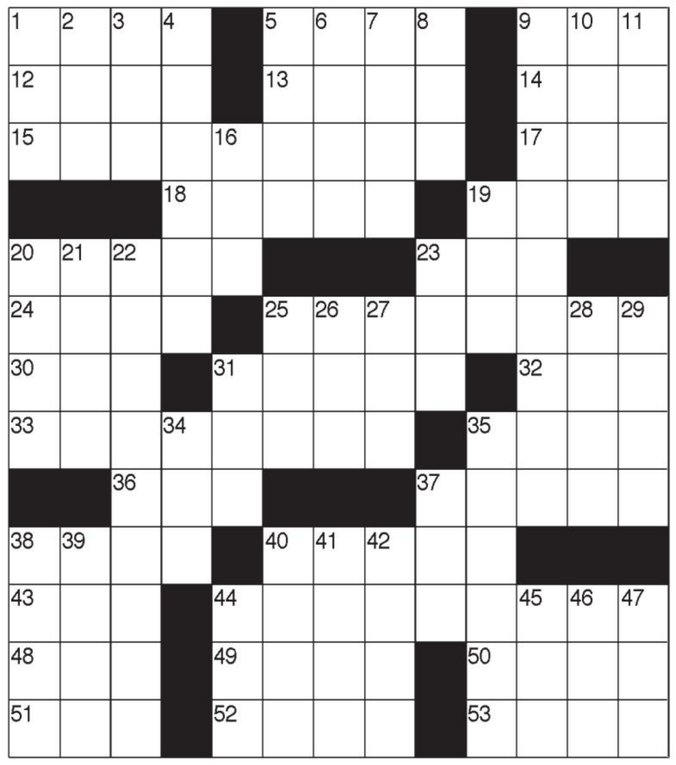

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The Berrien County Sheriff's Office is warning members of the public of a reported scam, which involves receiving a call from someone claiming to be a deputy.

In a press release, the sheriff's office said that it's come to their attention that some individuals have received phone calls from a person identifying themselves as a Berrien County Sheriff's Office Deputy and "stating that they have some type of criminal or civil charges against them and requested that they pay them money over the phone." The caller has spoofed the number and it may look like it is from Berrien County.

"This announcement is to reinforce that the Berrien County Sheriff's Office would never contact someone over the phone and request that they pay any money over the phone using a pay app such as Venmo or others. The activity listed above is a scam and we encourage individuals who receive a call of this nature to hang up right away and not give them any money or personal information," the press release states. — STAFF REPORTS

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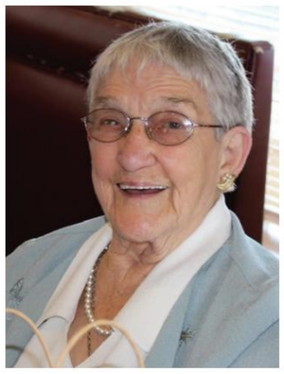

Agnes May Conway
1926-2023

Agnes May Conway, 97, of New Buffalo, died peacefully, Wednesday, October 11, 2023 in the presence of her family.

Her life began May 20, 1926 in North Liberty, Indiana, the youngest of five children born to Henry and Sadie Stull. She married Maurice Conway in Miami. Florida in 1947. After twenty-four years of marriage, he preceded her in death in 1971.

Agnes will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by two daughters, Saundra Mortenson of Cassopolis, Jacqueline Poff of Michigan City, Indiana; three sons, Bob (Carol) Conway of Niles, Frank Conway of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Bill (Rebecca) Conway of New Buffalo; five grandchildren, Bryan (Erin) Mortenson, Elizabeth (Ben) Hoekman, Jacob (Ashley Thompson) Poff, Katherine (Michael) Cooke, Ryan (Kaitlynn) Poff; seven great grandchildren, Ava, Madison, Jaxon, Kaden, Weston, Sylvia, Henry; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Maurice; her best friend, Wilburn Lawson; one sister, Helen Crouse; three brothers, Vern Stull, Roy Stull, and George Stull.

Family and friends will gather from 11:00 a.m. until time of service at 12:00 noon, Friday,

October 20, 2023, in the Converge Community Church, 601 West Buffalo Street, New Buffalo.

Ms. Conway will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband in a private service in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens, Niles.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Agnes be made to Michiana Humane Society, 722 IN-212, Michigan City, Indiana 46360.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.

Donald Luther Foster
1932-2023

Donald Luther Foster, 91, of Galien, died peacefully, Thursday, October 12, 2023 in the comfort of his family's presence.

His life began August 6, 1932 in Galien, Michigan, one of twin boys born to Bodie and Marjorie Foster. He married Barbara Jean Maynard September 8, 1962 in Niles, Michigan.

Don served honorably in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He and Barbara spent a lot of time with his granddaughters when they were growing up. Don was active and stayed busy, including woodworking and making yard art. He was a simple man. Don was very proud of his daughter, Kara, who also served in the military.

Don will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Barbara Foster; one daughter, Kyle (Jeff) Lea; two granddaughters, Morgan (McCade) Resse, Alexandra (Brandon) Jerue; and two great granddaughters, McKenna Reese, Mazlynn Reese.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Kara Ann Foster; one sister, Shirley Geik; and his twin brother, Ronald Foster.

Don will be accorded military honors in a private family ceremony.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Don be made to Galien American Legion Post 344, 402 North Main Street, Galien, Michigan 49113.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message onlineat www.wagnercares.com.

Gloria Lee Gaddis
1944-2023

Gloria Lee Gaddis, 79, passed away on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 after a brief battle with rapid progressive dementia.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. CDT, Friday, October 20, 2023 at Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel, 418 Washington St., Michigan City, Indiana with Pastor Mark Reshan officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery, Michigan City, Indiana. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. CDT until time of service Friday at the funeral chapel.

She was born on May 2, 1944, in Michigan City, Indiana, to the late Donald and MaryJane (Pahl) Jenkins. On September 22, 1963, in Marked Tree, Arkansas, she married the love of her life, Gordon Leon Gaddis, who preceded her in death July 29, 2008.

Gloria was the mother of five wonderful children who she loved dearly, Joyce (Micheal Sr.) Bukowski of New Buffalo, Michigan, Gordon "J.R."Gaddis Jr., Charles Gaddis and Robin Gaddis-Ferrell, all of Michigan City, Indiana and Trystan (Edward) Camp of Granger, Indiana.

She was a wonderful grandmother to Mike Jr., Jason, Karissa, Darhien, Tawny, Kaitlyn, Chace, Ethan, Seth, Madison, and Annaliese. A great grandmother to Tallon, Sky, Autumn, Serenity, Mason, Ayden, Daemon, Kalell, and Odin and a great-great grandmother to Layton. Who all brightened every moment of the time that she got to spend with them and always brought a huge smile to her face.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Robin Gaddis-Ferrell; two sisters Diana Kibble and Colleen Jenkins; and one step-sister Pamela Burns.

She was a graduate of Elston Senior High School and was a faithful follower of our precious Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, and was a life-long member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Gloria was a very loving mother and grandmother and taught us all that love and family were most important in this life. She also loved the holidays and made sure she never forgot to send a card that always displayed her beautiful handwriting. She was fun and silly at times and she spent many days with us kids playing records and dancing when we were little. We also, as adults, spent many hours on the phone just talking about the many different things going on in our lives and reminiscing about old times. We will truly miss this wonderful woman, who was a very beautiful part of all of our lives.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 in remembrance of Gloria Lee Gaddis.

To sign a guest book and leave condolences online, visit www.otthaverstock.com.

Karen Larkin Johnson

1930-2023

Karen Larkin Johnson died peacefully, on October 11, 2023, after fighting a ten-month battle with Glioblastoma with grace and humor.

Karen was born in Chicago on April 30th, 1940, to the late Jack and Dorothy (LeMire) Root. Karen spent many happy years in Crown Point IN with her Root cousins followed by a family move to Escanaba MI with her LeMire cousins. Karen thought that both places were magical including the Lake County Fair and musical productions in her garage in Indiana and golf, ice skating, and tasseling corn in Michigan. In high school, Karen's family moved to Aurora IL where she attended West Aurora High School. Never one to shy away from meeting others, Karen jumped into many different organizations from student council to writing music for the school musical, making many friends along the way. She attended Barat College, making lifelong friends, known as the 'Barat Beauties', who have been with her through all the laughter and the tears.

Living in Winnetka, IL with her first husband John, Karen had five children in five years but found time to be active in her parish, Saints Faith Hope and Charity and volunteer for many organizations including the Winnetka Woman's Club, writing several of the cabaret songs for their annual show including 'Thanks' which was sung for many years at the end of every show. In 1974, Karen and John moved to Grand Beach, Michigan as their permanent home. Close friendships were forged that exist to this day. There were many parties on the back patio or up at the Clubhouse and Karen was always ready to golf, play bridge, or sing and dance with her friends. In 1984, her beloved son Stephen left us for heaven. This was a difficult time, but Karen's faith was always strong and she comforted others even as she dealt with this devastating loss. Karen always told us that 'in the matter of birth and death, the way, the time, and the place is in God's hands'. She spoke with Him often, never hesitant to share His words. In the early 90's, Karen became a close friend of Bill W.

Karen married Tom Johnson in 1993 in New Buffalo. They had a shared love of Colorado, travel, Michigan football games and family. She welcomed Luke, Matt and Elizabeth into her life and loved them as her own children. They moved to Fort Myers FL for their winters, spending time with many families from Grand Beach and making new friends along the way. Tom sadly passed away in 2013.

Karen was blessed with an additional relationship in these last few years with Jim Milligan with whom she had many happy days and memories.

Karen had various jobs in the 1980's but found her true calling in real estate. She was instrumental in marketing and selling the New Buffalo Harbor condo community with South Cove and The Moorings from 1980 to 1990. She was active in the development of 'Harbor Country' and was one of the original committee members who established the Ship and Shore Festival in 1984. After South Cove, Karen coordinated sales for Forest Beach over the next 10 years. After working for others, Karen decided to build her own business, starting KLJ Real Estate in 2002. She worked with many individuals and families to help them find their forever homes in Harbor Country. She was creative and innovative and knew her clients well. She created strong relationships with her clients, and we think many would call her a dear friend. She finished her real estate career as a broker with Keller Williams just a year ago, working with her son John.

At the core of all of Karen's passions were her family. Karen is survived by her sisters, Marcia Jansen and Nancy Smith, both of whom she was close with and loved dearly; her children: Anne (Hugh) Tuomey, Dorothy Carroll, John Larkin, Michael (Francie) Larkin, Luke Johnson, Matt Johnson (Erica), and Elizabeth Vaughn (Jon). She was a beloved grandmother to Marisa Carroll (Liam Lowery), Nicole Carroll, Mary Katherine Tuomey, Hugh Tuomey, Kieran Tuomey, Ryan Larkin, Nora Larkin, Jack Larkin, Meg Larkin, Kate Larkin, Callahan Larkin, Quinn Larkin, Annie Larkin, Ava Johnson, August Johnson, Meredith Johnson, Alana Vaughn, Olivia Vaughn, Ella Vaughn, Wyatt Johnson and her great grandson Jude Lowery. She will be remembered by her many nieces and nephews who loved her humor, faith and joyful approach to life. Her son Stephen Larkin and daughter in law Stacey Larkin, preceded her in death.

We are grateful to her many doctors, nurses and care givers at Dana Farber, Moffitt Cancer Center, Northwestern Hospital, Caring Circle Hospice and the Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville, MI.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday-Oct. 17, 11:00am (CST) at Notre Dame Catholic Church – 1010 Moore Rd., Michigan City, IN. Visitation with the family is on Monday-Oct. 16, from 5:00-8:00pm(EST) at the Sommerfeld Chapel – 15 N. Barton St., New Buffalo, MI, and also one hour (10:00-11:00am (CST) preceding the service on Tuesday at Notre Dame Catholic Church. Interment will be private at Pine Grove Cemetery, New Buffalo MI.

Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.sommerfeldchapel.com

In lieu of flowers, we invite you to donate to the John P. Foley SJ Legacy Fund at www.cristoreynetwork.org/giving/legacy-society.

Karen's favorite saint was Saint Therese Lisieux (of The Little Flower). Roses are St. Therese's signature and Karen would look for them as a sign of St. Therese's divine intervention. It is her way of whispering to those who need a sign that she has heard, and God is responding. We hope you will think of Saint Therese and Karen when you see a rose!

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Prana/Life Studio offers spa, fitness immersion experience

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

For Christie Frisch, it wasn't the case of if she could create an environment that's spa as well as fitness oriented, it was when she could create one.

"I just can't not do it...I felt compelled, the energy inside of me - I just really wanted to create that space where we could come together as a community and share these practices," she said.

The result is Prana/Life Studio, which she opened at 30 West Buffalo St. in New Buffalo last month.

The studio offers yoga and reformer pilates and also rebounding, which Frisch said uses bungees that "make the experience feel kind of weightless."

"All this stuff is here because I know it makes people feel good, it makes you feel better so I kind of just handpicked all the things I know to be sustainable and also health and life giving," she said.

Frisch is also a massage therapist. In the back of the studio are two treatment rooms: One has infrared sauna blankets, which she said is like "sauna in a bag" and consists of a weighted blanket and a layer of clay inside of it and the other is the massage area that offers prenatal as well as hot stones, warm bamboo and the CVD balm and oil massage, with all the body therapies consisting of organic, biologically derived and natural ingredient lines.

Also in the back is a large room for yoga classes. There, Frisch said that she incorporates not only standard props, such as blocks and blankets, but also 36-inch foam rollers as well as travel size ones and infinity rollers, which are domes with acupuncture points for self massages.

Motherhood is what drew Frisch into her current line of work. When she had her first child while living in Chicago, she made one of the most difficult decisions she'd ever had to make: She decided not to return to work after her maternity leave. As a stay at home mom, Frisch discovered her interests in nutrition. When she became pregnant a second time, she became interested in holistic practices that help support pregnancy naturally.

It was around that time when Frisch decided to become a student at the New School for Massage Therapy in Chicago.

"We had 600 25 hours or something and in those hours, it was broken up between clinical practice, anatomy, physiology and kinesiology," she said.

After her second child was born, Frisch added pilates into the mix.

"I knew that I really loved working with my body and understanding the mind and body connection that yoga pilates helps you explore," she said, and added that she'd become involved in yoga while in school to help maintain her stress levels.

Before graduating in 2017, Frisch started her first business, Mother Nurture, where she exclusively practiced in Reiki Energy Therapy to "get her feet wet" before receiving her license in massage therapy. Frisch focused on women who were prenatal and postnatal as well as fertility clients. She did house calls and, for a period of time, worked from a room that she'd transformed into a mini treatment room in her Lincoln Park home. She also received training to be a postnatal doulas.

"I found a lot of joy in working with that population group - it felt like something that I'd wanted and never knew about or had access or the presence of mind to seek out," Frisch said, adding that she had an "amazing" post doula for her third child.

When the pandemic hit, Frisch and her husband found themselves making trips with their children to her family's cabin in Sawyer. This led to them deciding to move to the area. Once it was legal, Frisch began practicing massage therapy, shifting her focus from being not only on prenatal but the broader population. She managed a team through Mother Nurture, doing massages for groups at vacation rentals.

Frisch also earned her registered yoga teacher certification, with 200 hours of training under her belt, and pilates training, so she could bring reformer pilates to the area and have a "real pilates studio."

"This is a thing I know a lot of people would appreciate having," she said.

Frisch appreciates the special space she's created as well.

"I wanted there to be pilates available...I wanted to be able to come to a studio with a nice environment that felt spa-esque and where fitness kind of merged," she said.

For more on Prana/Life Studio or to book an appointment, visit www.pranalifestudio.com or contact info@pranalifestudio.com or 269-895-6009.

Christie Frisch stands by the pilates reformers located in the front of the studio

Bungees for rebounding are located in the front room

The expansive yoga studio located in the back

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